

EARLY DAY FOODS

(Yeah. You know back in those days when you first came out here, when you were small, what kind of food did the people around here eat then? Did they have cattle around here then?)

Oh, yeah.

(They had cattle then, huh?)

Yeah. Cattle, hogs,--lot of wild hogs then. Yeah. Whole lot of hogs.

(Lot of game around to, then.)

Wild turkey. Yeah. Wild turkey, coon, about everything. Yeah.

(Food was, you just more or less had to diet on meat then, didn't you? You didn't have no gardens, did they?)

Oh, yeah. They had some. Yeah. Some gardens. But it was mostly meat, you know. And bread, you know, like that. Then there was lots of, lots of vegetarians, lots of wild stuff. You could pick and eat you know. Like Black hogs. There used to be lots of wild, strawberry, Leonard.

(Did?)

Yeah. When we lived over there on Bird Creek. I was just a little kid.) We'd go out in the prairie, around, you know, on the hills and that. Get them big old red strawberries yeah, eat them see.. Wild strawberries, yeah. You can just, course they was kind of scattered, you know. You could find a plant here, or two here or a plant or two over there. We had black berries too, you know. Maybe ten, fifteen twenty feet apart, you know. And had lots of black berries. We had black berries, oh, man alive, on that place where we lived. Man, alive, we had the black berries! Yeah, my mother, she was down this black berry patch one day, picking black berries. There was somebody coming on the road or something, that a way. And shot and mother said, she could hear it hum, that bullet, went right by her.

(Must have rickocheted off something.)

Don't know whether, they surely wouldn't have been shooting at her. They was probably shooting at something else.

(Glanced off.)

Yeah. Maybe they didn't see her. Could be that way, you know. But she sure liked to got killed. She said she could hear that bullet hum when it went by.